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EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This is in response to the appeal brief filed January 16, 2006 appealing from the Office action mailed May 25, 2005.

(1) Real Party in Interest

A statement identifying by name the real party in interest is contained in the brief.

(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

The examiner is not aware of any related appeals, interferences, or judicial proceedings which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

(3) Status of Claims

The statement of the status of claims contained in the brief is correct.

(4) Status of Amendments After Final

The appellant's statement of the status of amendments after final rejection contained in the brief is correct.

(5) Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

The summary of claimed subject matter contained in the brief is correct.

(6) Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

The appellant's statement of the grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal is correct.

(7) Claims Appendix

The copy of the appealed claims contained in the Appendix to the brief is correct.

(8) Evidence Relied Upon

No evidence is relied upon by the examiner in the rejection of the claims under appeal.

(9) Grounds of Rejection

The following ground(s) of rejection are applicable to the appealed claims:

Claims 1-3,6,9-13,21,22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Milans. Milans discloses a sunshade guide mechanism comprising a guide rail D, D' , a sliding carriage E having a configuration encompassing edges which are capable of being tilted, a pair of brake members e , and a spring F .

Claims 4,7,8,14,15,17-20,23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Milans. As to the type of material from which the guide mechanism is constructed from, it is a well settled issue the selection of a known material based upon its suitability for the intended use would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art and as such cannot be relied upon for patentability.

(10) Response to Argument

The appellant states that the block body E of Milan does not include a tilt edge and cannot swivel about a tilt edge. This is not convincing inasmuch as the geometric shape of the sliding carriage E of Milans presents numerous edges which are capable of tilting movement due to the resilience of the spring F of which is attached to the carriage.

The appellant argues that the block body E of Milans is permanently biased by spring F against surface d' thus the wheels e are always biased against the surface d' which means that the wheels are not released from a brake surface as set forth in claim 1. This is not convincing for any movement of the curtain stick A' against the bias of the spring F will result in the carriage shifting in the guide rail thereby releasing the wheels from the brake face of the guide rail.

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The appellants state that there is no disclosure in Milans of the brake face as comprising two side faces of a groove in the guide rail wherein the side faces are disposed obliquely opposite each other. This is not convincing for Milans discloses that the guide rails *D, D'* are disposed at an angle to each other, note figure 2 and page 2, lines 1-20.


The appellants argue that Milans does not disclose the brake member as comprising a pair of braking cushions arranged on opposite sides of the sliding carriage. This is not convincing for Milans discloses the braking members *e* as being on opposite distal end portions of the carriage *E*.

(11) Related Proceeding(s) Appendix

No decision rendered by a court or the Board is identified by the examiner in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of this examiner's answer.

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,


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